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Shinn, Talor

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Talor,

Please print this email and file as a communication for March 25, 2024 City Council Meeting per Council Member Hamilton – March 13, 2024.

Thank you,

Diane

March 11th, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

This situation (*previous rehab agreement 4807 Massie*) highlights a potential issue with our current condemnation rehabilitation agreement process. While the City Attorney's office has been instrumental in establishing accountability, I believe the council should consider a review of the agreement itself.

Here are some areas we might explore for improvement:

- **Distinguishing genuine effort from neglect:** The current process may not adequately differentiate between owners who are actively working and those making no progress.
- **Redrafting the agreement:** A clearer agreement might provide more flexibility for situations like this, where progress is evident but deadlines are missed.

The role of the City Attorney's office in enforcement also merits discussion. Should they remain the primary enforcer, or should we explore alternative approaches?

Moving forward, it's crucial to strike a balance. While we can't tolerate condemned properties stagnating indefinitely, we also don't want to demolish structures where progress is demonstrably being made. Demolishing this property with the current work underway would be wasteful and potentially discourage the owner from further investment.

Thank you,

Nathan Hamilton Council Member, Ward 1

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